Retirement/pensionery dues in BSNL/MTNL

931. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received that the employees of BSNL and MTNL are facing problems in getting retirement/pensionery dues at the time of their retirement;

(b) the details of officers and staff of BSNL and MTNL retired between the 1st January to the 30th June, 2004 and the dates of the payment made to them;

(c) whether responsibility for the delay in the payment would be fixed and the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to curb all administrative delays to ensure timely payment to the retiring officials in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ban of ISD facility in Jammu and Kashmir

932. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISD facility in Jammu and Kashmir was banned after attack on Parliament and as a result of which a large number of PCO owners lost their business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to compensate such PCO owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 5606 PCOs were affected as their revenue dropped due to withdrawal of ISD facility in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) To compensate, all these PCOs were treated as Local PCOs for the period ISD/STD facility was banned and the commission was enhanced to 40 paise per call as applicable in the case of Local PCOs.

Use of telephone lines by terrorist network

933. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL and other Government organizations' telephone lines in the category of 'dedicated lines' and 'empty spaces' are being used by terrorist network and international criminals without paying for them and thereby 'by passing fraud';

(b) if so, to what extent, according to Government's estimate, they have suffered losses during the last three years, year-wise and organization-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the concerned organizations to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.